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PREVIOUSLY...



E.U.S.S. HIGH COMMAND, PRESENT:

Thorlief Golmen, a man enrolled in the European Super-Soldier Program, spirals into a psychological delusion, believing that he is a Norse god lost among men. Professor Braddock, the head of the program, can't determine the source of the subject's problem and recruits Dr. Blake for help. Dr. Blake claims that the patient is remembering.

ASGARD, AGES AGO:

Thor has been given Mjolnir, a weapon so powerful he has become virtually unstoppable. Balder, Thor's brother, catches their other sibling Loki stealing the powerful Norn stones from Odin's chambers. In a moment of defiance, Loki kills Balder in cold blood.

ASGARD, 1939:

Posing as Baron Zemo, Loki has made an alliance with the Frost Giants, laying siege to Asgard and inciting Ragnarok--the end of all things. In the final moments of destruction, Odin banishes Loki to the room without doors, but is killed by Mammoth, the leader of the Frost Giants. Crushed by his father's death, Thor swing's Mjolnir one last time, dissipating Asgard into nothingness.



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WAKE UP,
THOR...

OPEN YOUR
EYES.



FINALLY.

CAN YOU
TELL ME WHO
I AM?





BALDER
THE BRAVE.

BALDER
MY BROTHER.

WELCOME
BACK.



GODS. I
REMEMBER.

I... I DON'T
HAVE THE WORDS...
HOW ARE YOU
HERE?



LIKE YOU,
I WAS REBORN...
WITH PURPOSE.

I'M SO
CONFUSED...
IT'S AS IF I'VE
BEEN ASLEEP FOR
FAR TOO LONG
A TIME.

THAT'S
BECAUSE YOU
HAVE BEEN,
THOR.

RIGHT NOW,
THE BURNT HUSK
OF THE WORLD TREE
TOWERS OVER
THE RUINS OF
ASGARD.

A DEAD
WINTER WHERE
NOTHING LIVES
MARKS WHAT
WAS ONCE
PARADISE.

BUT THE
ALL-FATHER WILL
RETURN WHEN
WE NEED HIM
MOST.

THE WORLD
TREE WILL BLOOM.
ODIN WILL BE REBORN...
AND A BRILLIANT,
FRAGMENTED LIGHT--A
RAINBOW BRIDGE--
WILL MARK THE WAY BACK
TO ASGARD.

UNTIL THAT
TIME, WHAT WAS
ONCE IN HIM LIVES
ON IN US... HERE,
ON EARTH.

WHY?

BECAUSE
FATHER MEANS
TO REMAKE TWO
WORLDS.

ASGARD
INTO WHAT IT
ONCE WAS... AND
THIS ONE, INTO
WHAT IT CAN
BE.

HOW DO YOU
UNDERSTAND
THESE THINGS,
BALDER?



I AM THE EYE OF ODIN--HIS VISION LIVES ON IN ME.

AND YOU, THOR, YOU ARE HIS HEART AND HAVE IT IN YOU TO MAKE IT SO...

TIME TO CHANGE THE WORLD, LITTLE BROTHER.



I HAVE NEVER BELIEVED THAT TO BE TRUE, BALDER. AND NOW I AM POWERLESS--A MORTAL MAN--AND I FAIL TO SEE A PATH LEADING TO THE FUTURE YOU SPEAK OF.

A WAY WILL PRESENT ITSELF, THOR. PERHAPS THERE WILL BE A SIGN.



AND WHAT DO WE DO WHILE WE'RE WAITING FOR THAT?

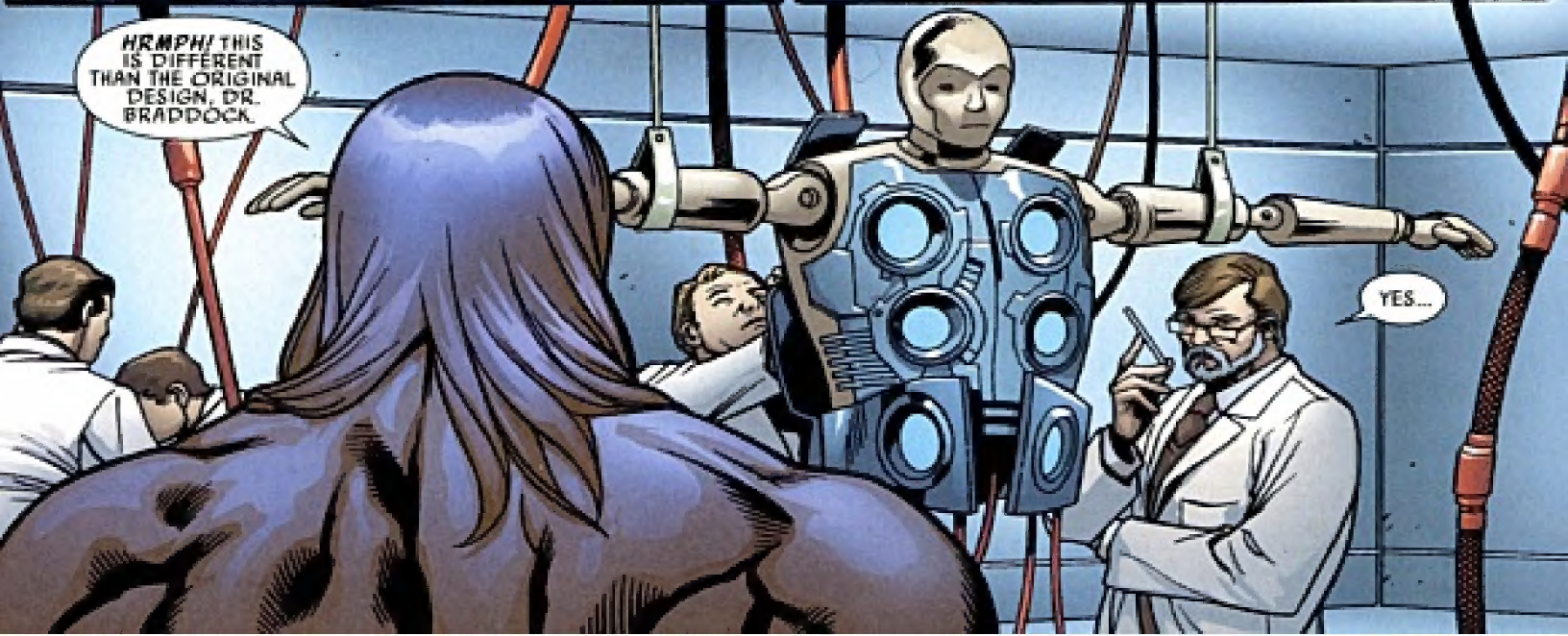
WE LIVE, BROTHER. WE LIVE.

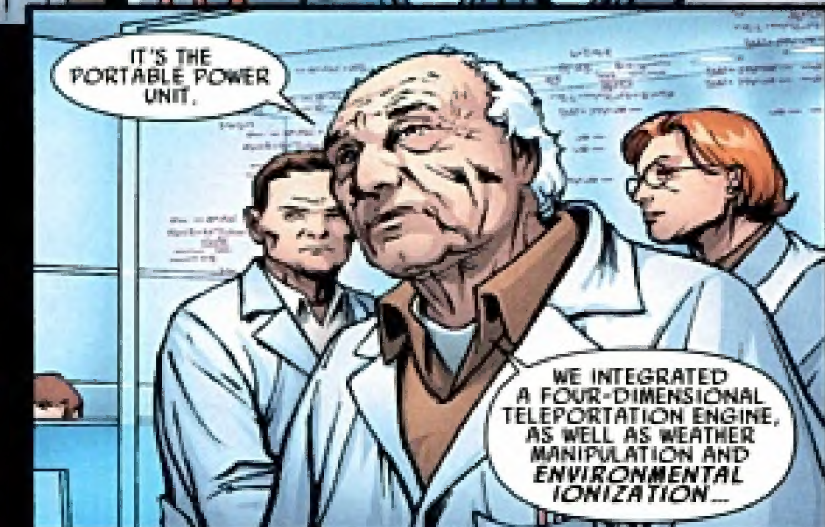


COME WITH ME...



THEY ARE WAITING FOR US IN THE LAB.









EIGHT MONTHS LATER.

THIS WAS THE SCENE ONE WEEK AGO AS CAPTAIN AMERICA WAS REINTRODUCED TO THE WORLD AS PART OF THE UNITED STATES' NEW DEFENSE INITIATIVE.

THE ULTIMATES ARE THE LATEST CHAPTER IN THE FASCINATING STORY OF EMERGING SUPERHUMANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

TONIGHT, WE'LL LOOK AT THIS GROWING PHENOMENON AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR EACH OF US... THE ORDINARY, EVERYDAY CITIZENS OF EARTH.

JOINING US NOW IS THE FIRST EUROPEAN POST-HUMAN, THE NORSE GOD OF THUNDER...

GOOD EVENING, THOR.

REAL MESSAGES ON THE MEE - E.S.S.I. INITIATIVE SPARKS CONTINUITY - BARRY PATRICK DELIVER

I UNDERSTAND YOU'RE IN TUNISIA THIS EVENING.

HELLO, JUDY.

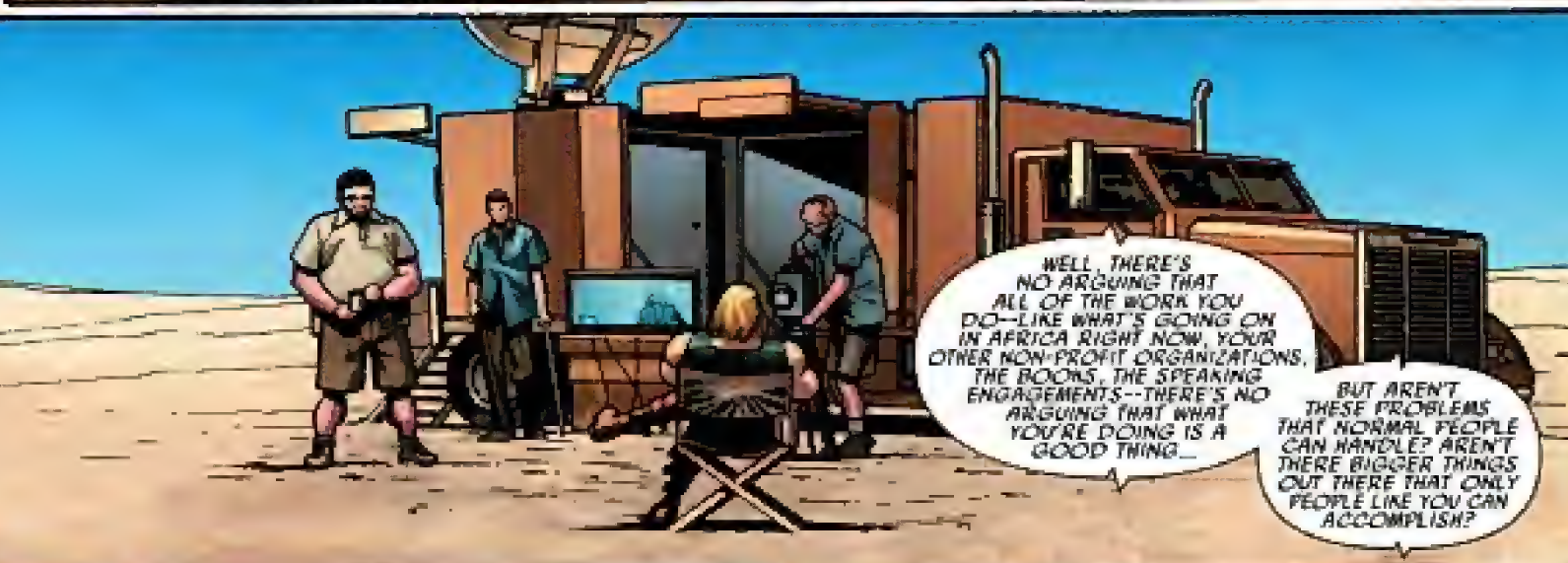
YES, I'M HELPING WITH A U.N.-SPONSORED WATER RECLAMATION PROJECT. HOPEFULLY, IF I DO MY PART AND WE HAVE A BIT OF LUCK, TWO YEARS FROM NOW THIS PATCH OF DESERT WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM SUSTENANCE FOR THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES.

THEN WE CAN FOCUS ON DOING EVEN MORE.

THAT SOUNDS WONDERFUL.

THANK YOU. IT REALLY IS.

I DO HOPE YOU DON'T MIND ME SWITCHING GEARS HERE, BUT I HAVE TO ASK ABOUT THE RUMORS CONCERNING THE AMERICANS WANTING YOU TO JOIN THEIR NEW TEAM. ANY TRUTH THERE?









JUST
THE OFFER
THEN, FAIR
ENOUGH.

WE'D
LIKE FOR YOU
TO JOIN OUR
TEAM.

WE HAVE
DENTAL.



I DON'T KNOW,
GENERAL...SHOULD I SPEND
MY DAYS HELPING THE EVERYDAY
MEN AND WOMEN OF THIS WORLD,
OR SHOULD I SPEND THEM TAKING
ORDERS FROM THE BAGMAN OF
A GREEDY NATION STATE?

MAYBE I'M
OVERTHINKING
THINGS.

WHY DO
I GET THE FEELING
YOU'RE TRYING TO
SHAME ME?

OH
I AM.



WRONG
STICK, SON...
WRONG
DOG.

I DON'T
SPEND MY DAYS
MEDITATING, OR
RUNNING SELF-HELP
SEMINARS...

I DEAL WITH
REAL PROBLEMS THAT
REQUIRE HARD DECISIONS—
AND IN ALMOST EVERY
INSTANCE, PEOPLE'S
LIVES HANG IN THE
BALANCE.



EVEN THEN,
I SLEEP...JUST
FINE.

THE ONLY THING THAT DOES
KEEP ME UP AT NIGHT ARE
THE THINGS I CAN'T PLAN
FOR, THINGS
LIKE YOU.

AND THE
ONLY SOLUTION TO
THAT KIND OF PROBLEM
IS SOMEONE
LIKE YOU.



I DON'T
CARE THAT YOU
DON'T LIKE MY POLITICS,
AND I DON'T CARE
THAT YOU'RE A BOY
SCOUT ...

WHAT I DO
CARE ABOUT IS
THAT YOU SWING A
BIG HAMMER.



HAMBURG, GERMANY



"BE VIGILANT,
HELMUTT..."

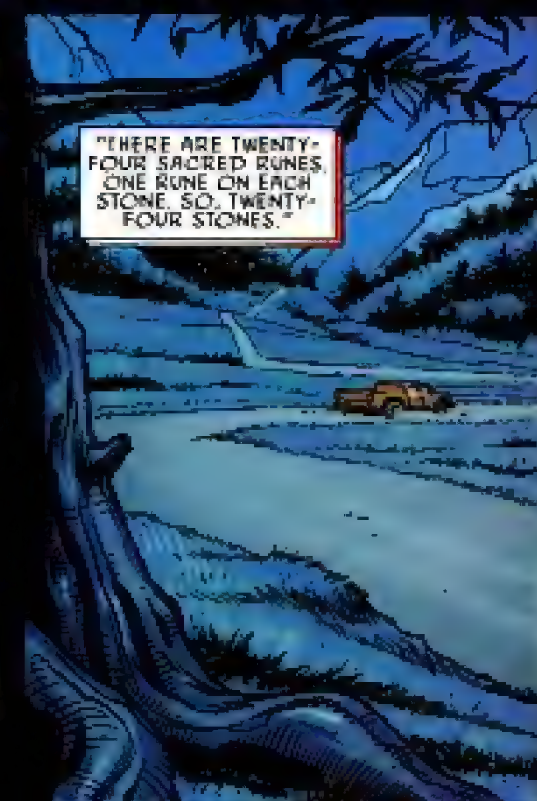


ONE WEEK LATER.



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LOYAL.

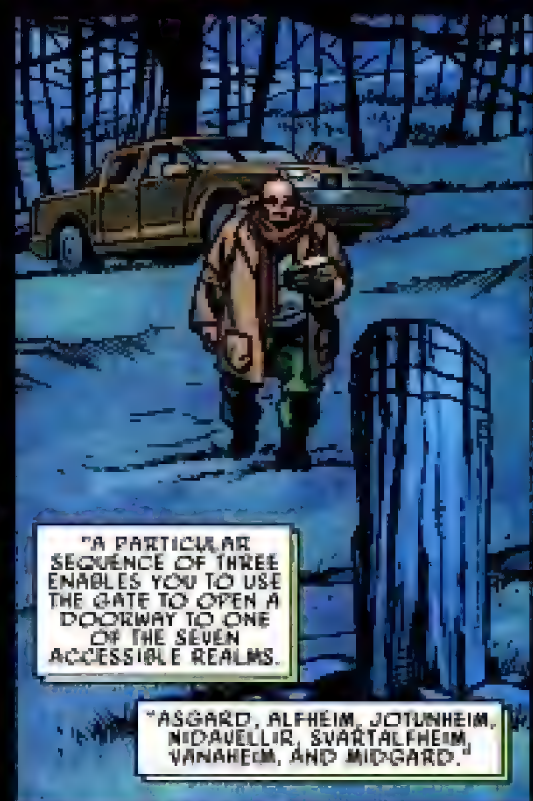
TELL ME
WHAT YOU HAVE
LEARNED.



"THERE ARE TWENTY-
FOUR SACRED RUNES,
ONE RUNE ON EACH
STONE. SO, TWENTY-
FOUR STONES."



ON THE
PILLAR, THERE
SHOULD BE THREE
SPACES--ONE FOR
EACH RUNE.



"A PARTICULAR
SEQUENCE OF THREE
ENABLES YOU TO USE
THE GATE TO OPEN A
DOORWAY TO ONE
OF THE SEVEN
ACCESSIBLE REALMS."

"ASGARD, ALFHEIM, JOTUNHEIM,
MIDAVELLIR, SVARTALFHEIM,
VANAHEIM, AND MIDGARD."



"YES, AND EACH STONE IS ONLY USED ONCE WITHIN EACH SEQUENCE."



"THOSE LEAD SOMEWHERE ELSE..."



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"SEVEN SETS OF THREE IS TWENTY-ONE, BARON...WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER THREE?"



"TO A ROOM WITH NO DOORS."



WHAT NOW, MASTER?



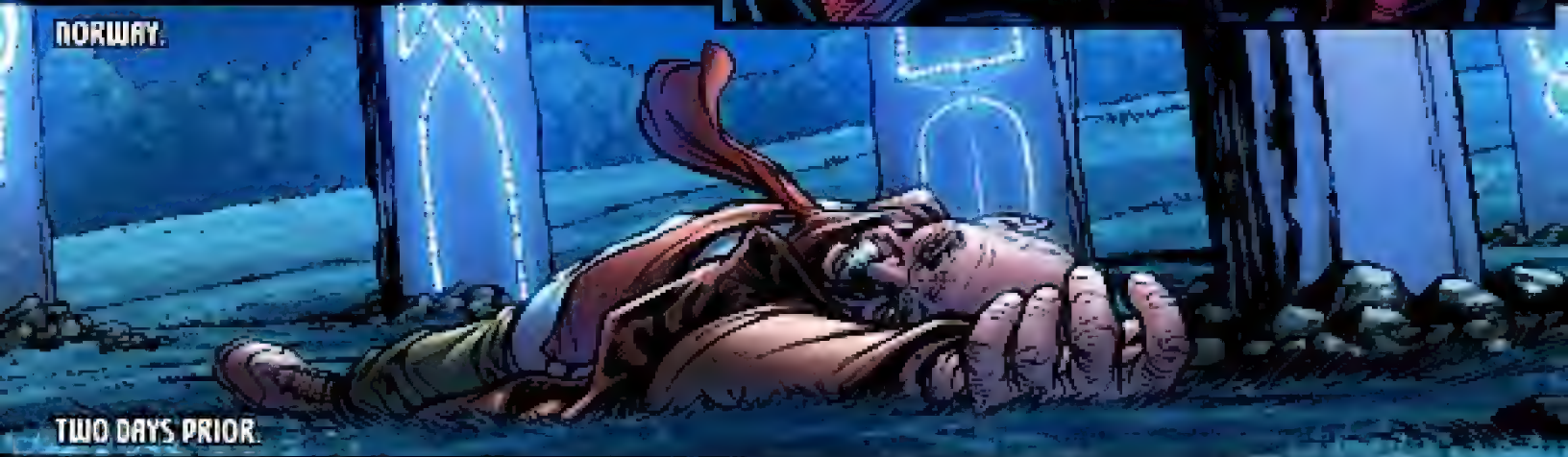
NOW I HAVE SOME FUN.

THE TRISKELION.

TWO WEEKS LATER.

NORWAY.

TWO DAYS PRIOR.



NOW.

CASUALTIES?

TOO EARLY TO TELL HOW MANY, SIR, BUT YES, CONFIRMED BY MULTIPLE REPORTS.

VISUAL.

COMING ON NOW, SIR.

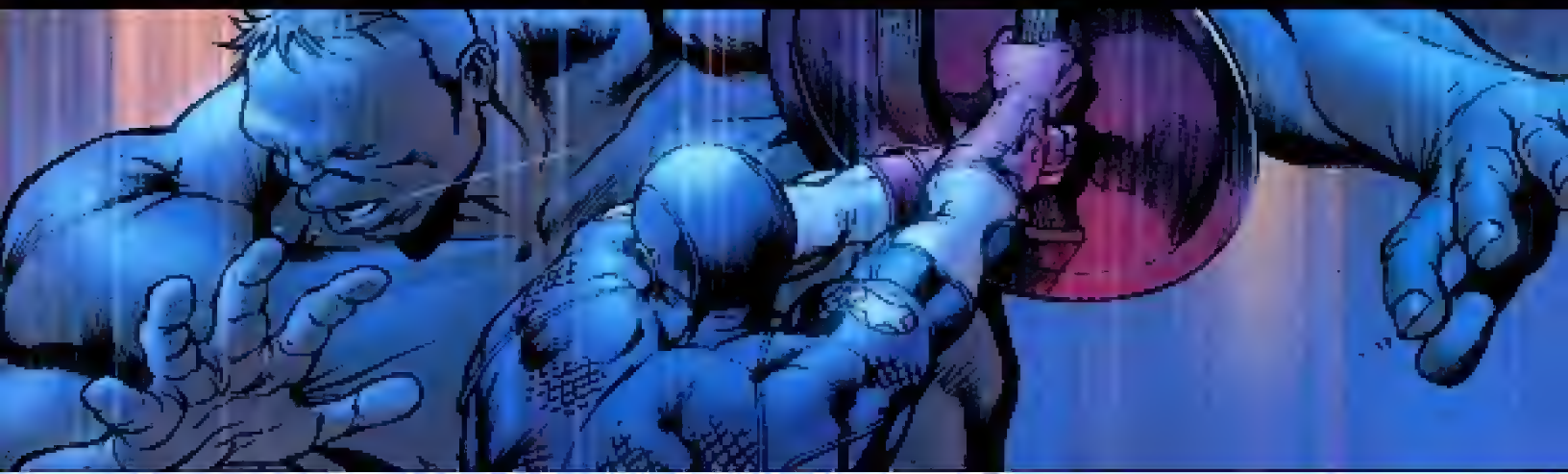
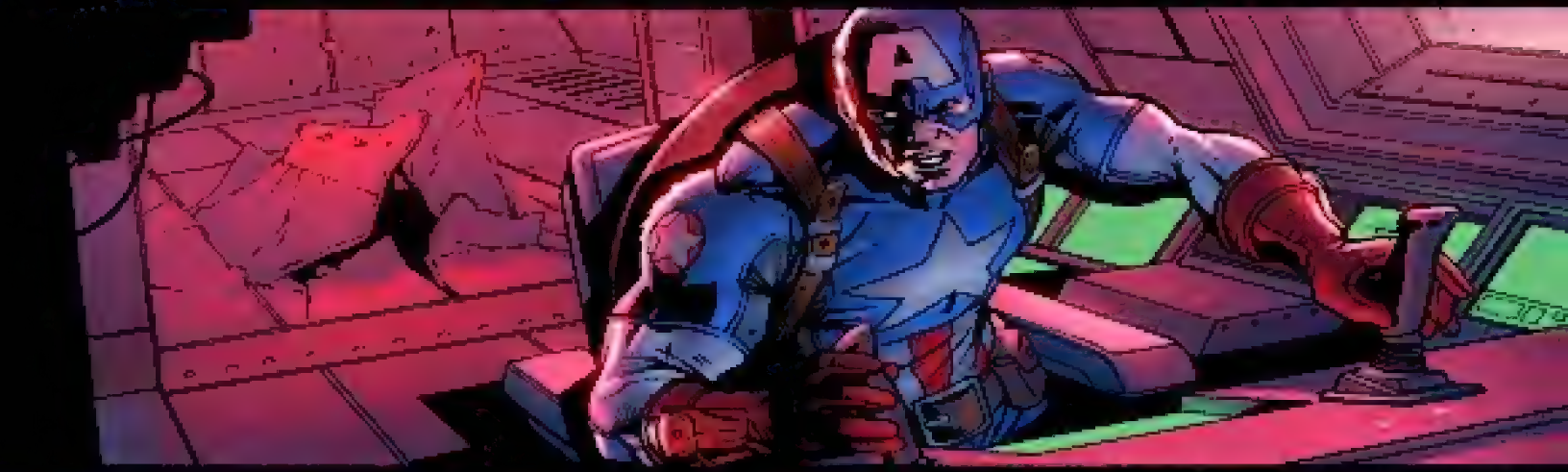


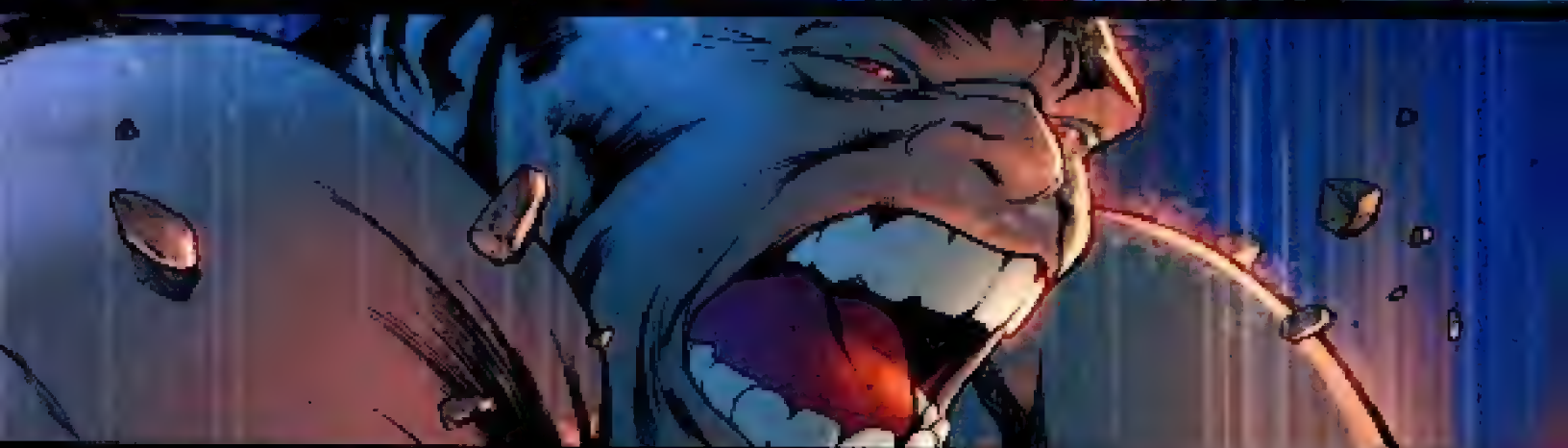
"WHAT THE HELL
WERE YOU THINKING,
BANNER?"











CAP'S DOWN...

WHAT DO WE DO NOW, GENERAL?

READY THE NUKE...



AND IF YOU BELIEVE IN GOD, SOLDIER... PRAY FOR A MIRACLE.



UNDERSTAND, EVEN BEYOND LOKI. THERE WILL BE THOSE THAT STAND AGAINST YOU... THAT RIDICULE AND MOCK YOU... THERE WILL BE THOSE WHO DOUBT YOU.

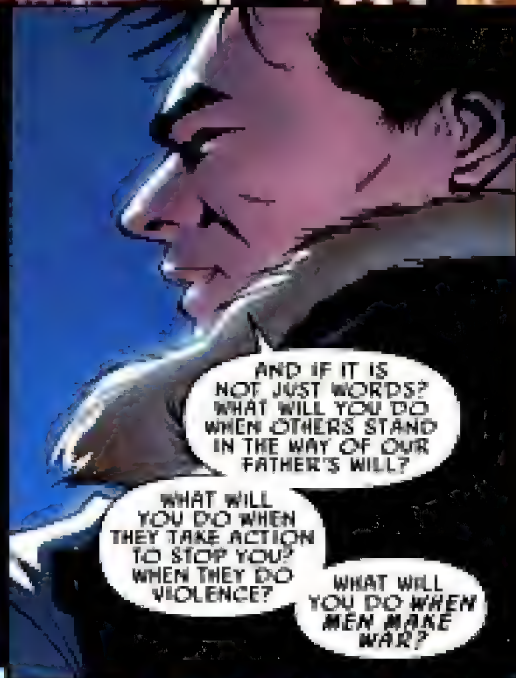
WAVES, BROTHER... WAVES AGAINST THE ROCK OF ODIN.



AND IF IT IS NOT JUST WORDS? WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN OTHERS STAND IN THE WAY OF OUR FATHER'S WILL?

WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN THEY TAKE ACTION TO STOP YOU? WHEN THEY DO VIOLENCE?

WHAT WILL YOU DO WHEN MEN MAKE WAR?



"THEN, BROTHER..."



"I WILL
BRING THE
THUNDER."



BELIEVE.





A GREEN GIANT SCAN

*LIKE IT?
BUY IT!*